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Decorations Made Easy

"Christmas Decorations Made Easy" was the topic of the program December 14, for the Junior Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America. Mrs. Candance Dowdy and Mrs. Mavis Gibbs, home service representatives from Southside Electric Cooperative, presented many fresh ideas for Christmas time. Pictured above are Mrs. Dowdy (right)and Brenda Garrett (left), chapter secretary, with some of the many decorations.

No Action On Referendum

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county offices. The board will suggest to Circuit Court Judge G. F. Abbitt, Jr., said chairman Otho W. Martin, that all county offices be closed on Saturdays.

Extension agent, agriculture, J. A. Smith, who is Unit chairman of the county's VPI extension offices, requested that the board authorize a full time extension agent, rather than sharing an agent's time with Amherst county. Jesse Ford is at present the extension agent,agriculture, who works primarily with 4-H and youth activities in Appomattox and Amherst.

The board agreed to the change to a full-time position to take effect in July 1971, beginning of the new fiscal year.

The clerk, Mrs. Aldah Gordon, read a letter of appreciation from Kenneth W. Lane, director Community Development, Virginia Electric & Power Co. VEPCO recently completed an economic study of the county, with local organizations and leadership supplying information.

O.R. Tolley, Cloverhill supervisor, asked for an received an affirmative vote to assist the town of Pamplin with its expenses of trash collection. Pamplin will receive $250 a year, beginning with the next fiscal year, to help pay costs of a landfill. Mr. Tolley also reminded the board of changes which will have to be made county wide, by 1972, with regard to the burning of refuse at landfills.

A letter was read from Mrs. Emmett McCraw asking that the board consider holding a second school bond referendum. Another letter was read from James Beaty, president o f the Appomattox County High School P-TA, asking that the board support the construction of a new high school, particularly in order to enlarge the vocational program.

Drowning Blamed In Child's Death

EVERGREEN – A three -year old boy was found dead in an outdoor toilet at his home near here Wednesday, Dec. 9, the Appomattox County sheriff's office reported.

Dr. J. A. Mathews, medical examiner, said the death of the Negro child, Curtis Webb, was due to drowning.

Deputy Sheriff Henry White said the child, son of Vera W. Webb, was reported missing at 4:30 p.m.

Deputy Sheriff J. E. Richardson and State Trooper W. H. Craft went to the home just east of Evergreen on Rt. 460, White said, and the child was found a short time later by his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Webb. The Appomattox County Rescue Squad also responded to the call for assistance.

White said the investigation was continuing.

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The Pastor Speaks

"A Birth That Was Distinctively Different"

Matthew 1:18 . . . "Now the birth of Jesus was on this wise:"

Here is something new "under the sun". Here is a thing unusual and unique. Nothing like this ever happened before nor since. There had been supernatural births, but never one quite like this one.

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed . . ." (Gen. 3:15). "But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made (born) of a woman . . ." (Gal. 4:4). " . . . Behold a virgin (a maiden, an unmarried woman) shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God with us)" (Isa. 7:14). See Matt. 1:22, 23; Jer. 31:22. "For unto us a child is born . . . and the government shall be upon his shoulder . . . upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom . . ." (Isa. 9:6-7) . . . Thou shalt bring forth a son, . . . and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever" (Luke 1:30-33).

I. THE BEGETTING

Following the amazing disclosure of facts concerning this birth (Luke 1:26-33), Mary said unto the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" (1:34). To this important inquiry, the angel revealed to her that the begetting would be divine, and not human. "The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee,and the power of the Highest (the Most High) shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35) Here is One begotten of God, and born of a woman,her seed and not man's. See John 1: 14, 18; 3:16, 18; Heb. 11:17; 1 John 4:9.

II. THE BIRTH

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son" (Luke 2:7) . Please note the words, " . . . Before they came together (as husband and wife) she was found with child of the Holy Spirit" (Matt 1:18). Either these words state facts as they actually were, or Mary was an adulteress, her Son a illigitmate, and the record a farce.

III, THE BABE

" . . . Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, look at Jesus we get our best idea of what and who God is like. What we see finitely expressed in the person of Jesus, we believe is infinitely real in the nature of God. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . . "

Several years ago we received for Christmas a gift of money in one of those little envelopes one obtains from banks. Late that day, my wife asked me where I had put the money. "Oh," I said, "I thought you had it." "And I thought you had it," she replied. Immediately we began to look for the misplaced envelope. We searched from one end of the house to the other with no success until, at last, one of us thought to look in the wastepaper basket with the discarded wrapping paper.

Discarding Something Valuable

At last, however, we found the money, crumpled up in its little white envelope in the bottom of the wastebasket. Ever since that day I always look carefully at the wastebasket before I burn it so that I don't throw away something valuable.

The story above, I think, is a parable, for in a like manner we are constantly in danger of throwing away the most precious Christmas gift of all. Somewhere in the midst of the mountains of life than the mere activity of a living, human organism. He indicated that eternal life is something that one can experience on earth as well as in heaven. People debate whether there is a life after death, but perhaps equally important is the question of life before death. When racing driver Jim Paschal was listed by the UPI as one of four grand national drivers killed in accidents in 1964, he commented: "I don't think I've been killed. At least I hope I'm not walking around dead." Perhaps Mr. Paschal is not, but there seem to be more than a few people today who are, as he says, "walking around dead."

Jesus said: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Abundant life, not existance, is the goal he sets before the Christian: to know life in its deepest, fullest sense. "In him," said John, "was life, and the life was the light of men." Jesus is the source of this life that is lived both before and after death.

The Word Became Flesh

That is why Jesus Christ is so essential for Christianity. God expressed or revealed himself as fully as man can ever understand the nature of God, but when we stand him in the person of Jesus. We cannot ever fully understand the nature of God, but when we

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

THE LOST GIFT

Lesson for December 20, 1970

Background Scripture: John 1: 1-18

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Somewhere I read of a tombstone that reads: "Born 1810, Died 1890. Lived 50 years." It doesn't take higher mathematics to figure out that there is something radically wrong with that epitaph. Either the stonecutter made a gross mistake or else someone was saying that the man had not had a very full life during his 80 years. George Bernard Shaw suggested very nearly the same thing when he said that an appropriate epitaph for many people might be this: "Died at thirty; buried at sixty."

Life Before Death

Shaw's observation is both true and Biblical, I think. Jesus suggested that there is much more to

lying in a manager" (Luke 2:12).

1, Here is the One who spake and the earth, the world, the planets, the unmeasurable universe, the heaven, and the heaven of heavens were called into being, for "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3) living within, and limited to, the confines of an infant's body. He who made possible the birth of infants is Himself an infant. What a stoop for the sinner's redemption!

2, Here is the One who came to do a work which would make it possible for believing sinners to be clothed with the garments of salvation, and to be covered with a robe of righteousness, Himself bound tightly with a single cloth around His body.

3, Here is One lying in a manager, the very materials from which it was made, having been created by Himself, and for Himself (Col. 1:16).

4, Here is the Bread from Heaven, born in Bethlehem,"the House of Bread". See Micah 5: 2; John 6:48, 51, 53-55.

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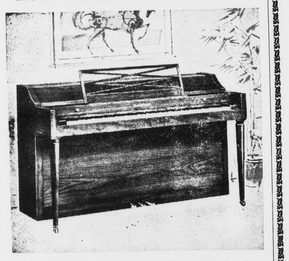

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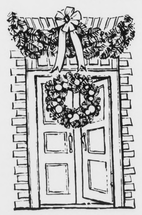

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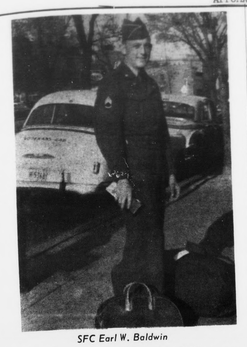

SFC Earl W. Baldwin

World Traveler Now In Vietnam

SFC Earl W. Baldwin, son of Mrs. Claude Baldwin of Pamplin and the late Claude Baldwin will be spending Christmas in Vietnam.

SFC Baldwin, who is thinking of retirement upon completion of 26 years service (in 1973) still likes thoughts of home,because he says that he may settle in this area.

A career serviceman, SFC Baldwin took basic training in Fort Jackson, S.C. and in Dec. 1947 went to Korea. He stayed in the Far East for four years, leaving there in Oct. 1951 on assignment to Fort Huachuca, Arizona until Jan. 1953. He again went overseas to Germany, returning in 1956 on an assignment at Fort Lewis, Washington.

He next went to Fort Richardson, Alaska and stayed there for five years, leaving in July, 1961 for an assignment to Fort Knox, Kentucky. He stayed there for four years and then went back to Korea in Sept. 1965, stayed for a year and went straight to Germany.

He left Germany in June last year for Fort Riley, Kansas and is now in Vietnam.

His account of countries visited reads like a travelogue.During his career he has spent two years in Japan and in addition to countries to which he was assigned, has visited Holland, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, France, Turkey, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, England,India, Okinawa, Guam, China Wake Is-

land and Hawaii. He has been in all 50 states.

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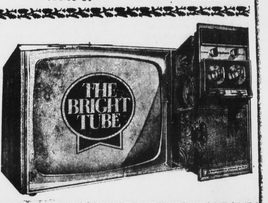

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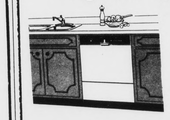

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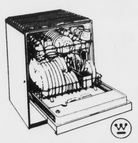

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